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TO: Adolescent Residential Treatment Providers

RE: Temporary Rule IDAPA 16-06.03 "Rules and Minimum Standards Governing Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs"

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FROM: Sherry L. Johnson, Program Approval – Program Specialist

We want to take this time to inform you of an important change.

Effective July 01, 2009, requirements pertaining to alcohol/drug abuse treatment for children and adolescents were removed from IDAPA 16.06.02, "Rules Governing Standards for Child Care Licensing" and temporarily added to IDAPA 16.06.03, "Rules and Minimum Standards Governing Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs".

This change is part of the Bureau of Substance Use Disorders rulemaking process. It is anticipated that these temporary rules will be permanently incorporated into IDAPA 16.07.20, "Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders Treatment and Recovery Support Services and Facilities and Programs" as the rulemaking and approval process is completed. We anticipate that date to be May 01, 2010.

You may view these rules by clicking on 'Adolescent Residential Treatment Rules' at:  
<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/SubstanceUseDisorders/SUDTreatment/tabid/382/Default.aspx>

Please take note that in accordance with:

**IDAPA 16.06.03. 020. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. 05. Programs Serving Adolescents.**  
(Section) c. Any alcohol/drug abuse treatment program which provides twenty-four (24) hour per day residential care as an alternative to parental care and outpatient treatment for persons under the age of eighteen (18) shall also be licensed under the Child Care Licensing Reform Act, Title 39, Chapter 12, Idaho Code.

Simply put, this means that residential adolescent alcohol/drug abuse treatment providers must be both licensed as a Children's Residential Care Facility by the Child Care Licensing Unit and Certified by the Bureau of Substance Use Disorders.

As much as possible, we intend to coordinate the two processes. The Bureau of Substance Use Disorders requires program Certification approval/renewal every two (2) years. Several months prior to renewal time, you will be sent a reminder. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of your current child care license, the Bureau of Substance Use Disorders will send you an application to complete in preparation for your certification renewal site visit. The Child Care Licensing Unit will contact you prior to the time for license renewal as they have in the past.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (208) 334-5934 or [johnsoS2@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:johnsoS2@dhw.idaho.gov).